

Peace & Planet Abolition 2000 Report, July 2022

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This report is written in haste and without full access to necessary files. That said, if memory serves me right, the Peace & Planet international network was created at the A-2000 annual general meeting in 2014 with the goal of building a major international conference, rally and massive abolition petition presentation to the 2015 NPT Review Conference. The network was built on the foundations of the very successful 2010 NPT mobilization, which drew 1,000 activists for a conference at the Riverside Church, addressed by among others U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, and brought 25,000 people for a march to the U.N. and petition presentations on the floor of the General Assembly. In organizing conferences and rallies it has played a unique role in providing a platform for abolition movement leaders and advocates to exchange information, to share analyses and to develop strategies, as well as pressing the nuclear weapons states to finally fulfill their Article VI NPT commitments. Worth noting too has been its ability to engage arms control advocates in China and Russia, and U.N. officials, especially from UNODA.

The 2015 mobilization brought just under 1,000 for an international conference, around 10,000 for the march to the U.N. and the presentation of millions of abolition petition signatures to the Review Conference. Since then, Peace and Planet has organized or co-sponsored side events during NPT prepcoms. Arrangements (and registrations) were in place for a conference of 2,000 people at the Riverside Church, a rally and march on the eve of the scheduled 2020 NPT Review Conference. When the RevCon was postponed due to the covid pandemic, the conference was among the first major events held online. We continued our planning as new dates were set for the Review Conference, holding online international conferences focused on the imperative of nuclear weapons to contribute to movement building.

With the Review Conference rescheduled for August 2022, our planning group worked to organize a hybrid conference which will be held on July 30 <https://cpdcs.org/international-peace-planet-conference/> and has drafted a call which will be distributed online, at the conference and in side events during the Review Conference (link to be added later). At this writing, just under 500 people have registered to participate either in person or online. The conference, in part made possible by a grant from Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung has been planned by movement leaders from the United States, Britain, the Philippines, Japan, and France. Speakers include:

- **Oleg Bodrov** – Coordinator of the Northwest Russia Peace Movement and Chairman of The European Environment Foundation (Russia)
- **Reiner Braun**, Executive Director of the International Peace Bureau (Germany)
- **Sharan Burrow**, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (Australia)
- **Jackie Cabasso**, Executive Director Western States Legal Foundation, North American Coordinator Mayors for Peace (USA)
- **Anuradha Chenoy**, Jawaharlal Nehru University & Asia-Europe People's Forum (India)
- **Jeremy Corbyn**, Member of Parliament, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Stop the War Coalition (Britain)
- **Tianjiao Jiang** - Associate Professor at Development Institute, Fudan University (China)
- **Ruth Mitchell**, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (New Zealand)
- **Kunhiko Sakuma**, Chairperson of Hiroshima Hidankyo (Japan)

- **Yurii Sheliazhenio** – Executive Secretary of the Ukrainian Pacifist Movement (Ukraine)
- **Rev. Liz Theoharis** – Co-Chair of the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival and Director of the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice (USA)

The NPT Review Conference was repeatedly rescheduled and postponed, with Peace & Planet preparing for them and then moving online. Its transcripts were published by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung and can be found at <https://cpdcs.org/toward-the-2022-nuclear-non-proliferation-treaty-review-conference/>. Earlier, in the wake of other RevCon postponement, an online international Peace & Planet conferences were held in February 2021 and September 2021. When the January 2021 Review Conference was postponed, Peace & Planet went forward with an international online conference titled “Toward the 2022 NPT Review Conference.” The conference’s recording appears at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUZV6NimgWQ>.